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**CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**NOTICE OF VIOLATION**

Mr. John Rankin  
Hatchery Manager  
IDFG Cabinet Gorge Hatchery  
1070 Cabinet Gorge Road  
Clark Fork, Idaho 83811

Re: IDFG Cabinet Gorge Hatchery  
NPDES Permit Number IDG131001

Dear Mr. Rankin:

On behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), I would like to express my appreciation for your time and cooperation during the April 28, 2015 Clean Water Act (CWA) inspection of IDFG Cabinet Gorge Hatchery (Facility) by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (IDEQ) on behalf of EPA. The purpose of the inspection and subsequent EPA administrative file review was to determine the Facility's compliance with the requirements of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the NPDES general permit for *Aquaculture Facilities in Idaho, not subject to Wasteload Allocations under Selected Total Maximum Daily Loads*. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of the results of the IDEQ inspection and EPA administrative file review.

**REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE FILES**

EPA reviewed the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) from January 2011 to January 2016 and found zero effluent limitation exceedances which would constitute violations of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 *et seq.*

On December 21, 2015, the NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule became effective. Permittees with a DMR requirement will have one year from this date to submit DMRs through NetDMR. Additional information is enclosed (Enclosure A).

**APRIL 2015 INSPECTION**

Part II.F.3.d of the Permit states that the Quality Assurance Plan (QAP) must include the qualifications and training of personnel.

At the time of the inspection, the QAP did not include the qualifications and training of personnel. This is a violation of Part II.F.3.d of the Permit.

Although our goal is to ensure NPDES facilities comply fully with their permits, the ultimate responsibility rests with the permittee. As such, I want to strongly encourage you to continue your efforts to maintain full knowledge of the Permit requirements, and other appropriate statutes, and to take appropriate measures to ensure compliance. Notwithstanding your response to this letter, EPA retains all rights to pursue enforcement actions to address these and any other violations.

I have enclosed a copy of the inspection report (Enclosure B). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Raymond Andrews of my staff at (206) 553-4252.

Sincerely,

*Scott E. Downing, for*

Edward J. Kowalski  
Director

Enclosures

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